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RE: MUR 4999

Dear Mr. Jordan,

On behalf of the Bernstein for Senate campaign, we request the immediate dismissal of the complaint filed by Mr. Mason, Chairman of the Republican Party in Nevada. The complaint does not allege any facts that would indicate any involvement by any employee or consultant of the Bernstein for Senate campaign. The Bernstein for Senate campaign has retained StrubleOpel Communications as its media consultant. This firm has never worked for Edward M. Bernstein and Associates; the law firm retains its own media consultants, Explosive Media.

The only fact alleged by Mr. Mason is that Mr. Bernstein, the candidate, is also the founder and senior partner of Edward M. Bernstein and Associates. No precedent of the Federal Election Commission suggests that in order to be a candidate for federal office a person must give up their livelihood. Further, no precedent of the Federal Election Commission suggests that to be a candidate for federal office mandates changing the activities of the individual's business.

Therefore, there is no basis for this complaint either in fact or law and the complaint should be immediately dismissed.

William C. Oldaker